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FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

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AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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TAGS EAGR CO

SUBJ: BANANA EXPORTERS DEVELOPMENTS

REF BOGOTA 5322

1. MINAG VALLEJO WHO WILL REPRESENT COLOMBIA AT BANANA PRODUCING COUNTRIES MEETING IN PANAMA JULY 15 PUBLICLY CRITICIZED FAILURE OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO LIVE UP TO AGREEMENT REACHED THREE MONTHS AGO. WITHOUT MENTIONING ANY COUNTRY BY NAME HE SAID DISUNION AND ABANDONMENT OF DISTANCE ALREADY TRAVELED CONSTITUTES BAD PRECEDENT BEING WATCHED WITH INTEREST BY IMPORTING COUNTRIES. COLOMBIA HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN SOLIDARITY, HE SAID, WITH IDEA OF AND ACTION TO ORGANIZE BANANA PRODUCTION, RATIONALIZE THE MARKET  
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AND DEFEND PRICES. (PRIVATELY HE HAS SAID COLOMBIA MERELY

COOPERATED FOR SAKE OF LATAM UNITY.)

2. UNITED BRANDS REP REPORTS THAT GROWERS IN TURBO AREA,  
COLOMBIA'S PRINCIPAL PRODUCING AREA, ARE READY TO ACCEPT NEW FIVE  
YEAR CONTRACTS FOR \$1.35 PER BOX, AN INCREASE OF 25 CENTS PER BOX.  
REMAINING 15 CENTS OF 40 CENT INCREASE IN REQUIRED FOREIGN EXCHANGE  
REPATRIATION TO COLOMBIA WOULD BE KEPT BY UNITED AS WORKING CAPITAL.  
IF GROWERS ACCEPT AND GOC APPROVES, EFFECT WILL BE TO INCREASE  
UNITED'S COSTS BY 25 CENTS SIMILAR TO INCREASED COST IN COSTA  
RICA, RATHER THAN BY NOMINAL 40 CENTS AS WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE  
BEEN EFFECT OF INCREASED "REINTEGRO."  
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